DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SPRING BRANCH TMDL

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TM DLs) for Spring Branch, located outside of Waverly, in Sussex County. The subject stream segment (3.52 miles) is identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Report for 1994, the VA 1996 303(d) TMDL Priority List, 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report, the Virginia 2002 303(d) Report on Impaired Waters, and the 2004 VA Water Quality Assessment 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report as impaired due to violations of Virginia's water quality standards for benthics.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Spring Branch TMDL will be held on **Monday, April 18, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Beaverdam Sportsman's Club in Waverly, VA. The Beaverdam Sportsman's Club is located on Beaverdam Road (Rt. 606) approximately 2.5 miles south of the Rt. 606 & Rt. 460 intersection in Waverly. Further directions are available by contacting Chris French at (804) 527-5021 or refrench@deq.virginia.gov.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on May 18, 2005. Information pertaining to TMDL development is available upon request or can be found on the DEQ's web site at http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chris French, Department of Environmental Quality, 4949-A Cox Rd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, telephone (804) 527-5021, fax (804) 527-5106, or e-mail refrench@deq.virginia.gov.